

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**THIS WEEK**

Saturday 5:00 Patrick Reynolds  
 Sunday 8:00 Margaret Mahon, Mary Bonney  
 Elaine Crosby, Fr. Bob Kemmery,  
 Parish Family  
 10:00 William "Bill" McNerney  
 Monday 8:00 Vincent Donohoe  
 Tuesday 8:00 Rita Federico  
 Wed 8:00 William Hunt  
 Thurs **9:00** Parish Family  
 Friday 8:00 Robert J. Richards, Jr.

**NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday 5:00 Curt Sweeney  
 Sunday 8:00 Mary & Henry Kolakowski  
 Edward Bolton, Rose Mary Piper  
 Fr. Bob Kemmery, Parish Family  
 10:00 Daniel O'Reilly

**PRAY FOR THE ILL OF THE PARISH**

Flora Massa, Martin Coughlin, Loretta Stephens, Regina Zanis, Harry Marcoux, John Keane, Tris Windle, David Cousins, Lynne Scalia, Alex Podeszwa, Bernadette Harrod, Baby Peter O'Connor, Eileen Metterville, Thomas Stone, Nick Bartick, Pam Hedlund, Paul Conte, Len Hedlund, Greg Morongell, Nora Gould, Edan Pearl, Maryanne Leonhardt, Richard Smith, Anne Caruso, Natalie DiPaolo, John M. Pollard, Alexandra Burke, Peter Cruckshank, Bill Hannon, Peter Gill, Ivy Davis, Maddy Hayes, Clare Stevenson, Joseph Nosari, Vincent Lencvewski, Jeffrey Wolfgang, Mike Day, Louise Francke, Joan Ouellette, Bev Sarazin, Helen Stempsey, Regina Collyer, Tyler Benscoter, Agnes Wolfgang, Fr. Paul Smith, Marilyn Drewes, John L. Sullivan, Kameron Hardaker, Ray Castriotta, Julianne Sullivan, Robert Grudzina, Brenda Kowalski, Marge LaGrassa, Jim Lewis, Joyce Loechner, Frank Salomone, Paul Chamberlain, Pauline Laberge, Edith Vinci, Chad Larivee, Patrick McNulty, Marirose (Mary) Lynch, Dick Wentworth, Nuvia Downs, Karen Mary McNulty, Olivia Hart, Alex Haas, Patrick Devine, Ellen Marie Anderson, Carter Mock, Nancy Hurley, Gerry Csaposs, Kenneth Kulig, Peggy Carson, Terry Sullivan, Norie Leonard, Ed Daly, James Roberts, Addie Priess, Pat Hastings, Tim McEnaney, Dan McEnaney, Frank McCarthy, Ruth Kantorski, Andree Yager, Loretta Reiter, Thomas Murphy, Paul Kasczak, Bill Martin, Lolita Previd, Abbott Brayton

**PRAY FOR LOVED ONES IN THE MID-EAST**

Brandy Nelson, Timothy Horigan, Scott Doucette, Michael Wilson, David Lucas, Sean Lucas, Peter Civita Shayne, Peter Cabral, Gregory DeLuca, Joshua Schmitt, Joseph Long, Brad Howard, Thomas Scudder, Jeffrey Stebbins, Phillip McDonough, David Wilcox, John Amick, David McDonald, Lt. Edward J. Maloney, Andrew Kelley, William James Miller, David Orloski, Stephen Tammaro, Michael L. Hamilton, Thomas Crawford, Aaron Charette, Matthew Blair, Jared Stubbs, Nicholas McGahey

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED** - Walter Paroby

**COLLECTION RESULTS — THANK YOU**

November 13 Regular \$ 7,273.00  
 Harvest Sunday \$ 4,759.00  
 Annual Appeal to Date \$66,140.00

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

All parishioners and their visiting family and friends are invited to our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 a.m. on November 24. There will be no 8 a.m. Communion Service.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The Bereavement Support Group will meet **THIS** Sunday, November 20, at **1:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. These year-round monthly group meetings focus on the various aspects of grieving. Our meetings offer presentations, occasional speakers, and roundtable discussions that provide information to assist the bereaved as they move forward with their new life. For further information, please call Barbara, 240-1090, or Liz, 896-4916.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COAT DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a coat drive in cooperation with the Lower Cape Outreach Council. Gently used coats for adults and children may be brought to the Parish Center **this weekend only**. We are unable to accept coats after this weekend. Thank you.

**WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

All women of the Parish are invited to attend the annual Guild Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, 11:30 a.m., at the Ellsworth Pavilion at Captain's Golf Course in Brewster, featuring a performance by the Mid Cape Choraliers. Flyers are available in the church foyer and must be returned no later than December 5. Any questions, please call Pat Michaud, 508-247-9513.

**GIFT CARD COLLECTION RESULTS**

Thank you for your generous response to the collection, resulting in donations of \$2,300 in gift cards to help Refugee/New American Families settle in a welcoming America.

**NEED HELP?**

**We can assist with  
 food, shelter, medical, utilities.  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**HELPLINE 508-255-8080**

## THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR THE HEALING OF OUR NATION

The annual Nauset Interfaith Thanksgiving service this year will take its theme from President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation making Thanksgiving a national holiday towards healing our nation. The service, at Orleans United Methodist Church, this Sunday, November 20, at 2 p.m., will include Jewish, Christian, Muslim and Wampanoag readers and a short talk by our two newest clergy, (The Rev. Kai Qu and The Rev. Xia Jiao Chur) who are new Americans from China. We will also hear from an immigrant family from North Africa and our interfaith choir will sing a beautiful anthem. Our offering will be to support Nauset Interfaith outreach to new Americans and 'at risk,' youth on the lower and outer Cape. For more information: Fr. Ken Campbell at [ksbcampbell@verizon.net](mailto:ksbcampbell@verizon.net) or Rev. Wesley Williams at [wesleyd.williams@comcast.net](mailto:wesleyd.williams@comcast.net).

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Orleans-Eastham Elks, 10 McKoy Road, Eastham, will be preparing and serving a community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 24, with open seating from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Take-out dinners will be available. Please call 508-255-4258 for more information and to make reservations.

## REFUGEE SUPPORT COLLECTION

The Nauset Interfaith Association is sponsoring a collection of household items to support the settlement of refugees in the Worcester area. Toiletries and **new** kitchen, bath and bedroom items may be dropped off at the **Eastham United Methodist Church** on Route 6, (just past the National Seashore), from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, from November 15 to December 2.

## THE ANCHOR

It's been nearly one year since *The Anchor* no longer receives funding from diocesan parishes. Our thanks go out to all the generous donors and to those who have faithfully renewed their subscriptions. There are, however, thousands of subscribers who still receive *The Anchor* who have not sent in the \$20 yearly subscription fee. This takes a great toll on *The Anchor* account that helps offset printing, postage and other overheads. If you have not sent in the subscription fee and are still receiving *The Anchor* we ask that you please assist us in keeping the diocesan newspaper arriving at nearly 20,000 homes across our diocese. Send your check made payable to *The Anchor*, 887 Highland Avenue, Fall River, Mass. 02720, along with your name and address. We thank you very much and wish everyone a blessed Advent and Christmas season.

Dave Jolivet, editor.

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop will be closed all of Thanksgiving week — Monday, November 21 through Saturday, November 26. We will re-open Monday, November 28, ready for Christmas shoppers! Donations will NOT be accepted after Saturday, November 12 through the Christmas holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

The Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fall River will accept applications and administer an Entrance/Placement Exam for new students on Saturday, December 3, with the make-up exam on Saturday, December 10. Interested students should report to St. John Paul II High School in Hyannis by 7:45 a.m. for testing at 8:00. The application and exam procedure will last until approximately 11:30 a.m. There is a \$20 fee, payable at the time of application. Students need bring no records with them, nor do parents have to accompany them. Information regarding courses, activities and financial aid will be given at the time of the exam.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We can use a few more people to work at the Chatham houses on December 3. It is always a rewarding experience. Leave your name and contact info at the Habitat box in the front foyer of the church.

## SEASONAL REMINDERS

Due to the flu season, the cup will not be offered at Mass until Holy Thursday. The Sign of Peace may be offered with words and a smile rather than a handshake, if you like.

As winter approaches, bringing unpredictable weather and health conditions, keep in mind these guidelines: If you suspect you are ill, or weather conditions are hazardous, you are **not bound to attend Mass. Remain at home**, possibly participating in the Mass on TV, radio or Internet. **If schools are closed or delayed due to snow, THERE IS NO DAILY MASS. Please observe this policy for your safety, as well as to expedite the snow removal in our parking lots.**

## ADVENT MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples who have a good marriage and want to make it even better. Whether you have been married a short time or many years, consider the Advent Marriage Encounter Weekend, December 2-4, 2016, at Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA. To register call 800-710-WWME, or go to [www.WWME.org](http://www.WWME.org).



### **FAITH FORMATION**

**Grades 1-5**      **Mondays**      **2:20—4:00 p.m.**  
**Grades 6-10**    **Monday**        **6:00---7:30 p.m.**

### **NOVEMBER FAMILY MASS**

Our Family Mass is this Sunday, November 20, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the liturgy with our students and their families. After Mass, we are serving juice, coffee, and donuts in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

### **THANKSGIVING MASS WITH FATHER JOHN**

Our Kindergarten through grade 5 students are celebrating a Thanksgiving Mass with Fr. John this Monday, November 21. Please come and share in this very special celebration of gratefulness at 3:00 p.m. in the church. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and all St. Joan of Arc parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **EVENING FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

There will be no Faith Formation evening classes for Grades 6-10 on Monday, November 21. We wish all our students and families a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving.

### **IN THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING**

We would like to thank our senior altar servers for teaching and guiding our newest members in this ministry. We are grateful for their patience and for teaching all the duties and responsibilities to their younger counterparts. Thanks also to all altar server families for participating and nurturing these young people to be part of this special ministry.

### **WHAT IS RCIA?**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. If you are a Catholic adult and have not been confirmed in the Church, or if you are considering becoming Catholic, then RCIA may be for you. Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 508-255-1257 for further information. Formal instruction begins in advent, so it is not too soon to set up an appointment to discuss the RCIA process.

## JUBILEE MERCY

A poem entitled “*The Two Mothers*” changed the heart of Mary Johnson who had harbored nothing but hatred toward the young man who was now serving time for the murder of her only son. This life-changing poem described two mothers who met in heaven and spoke with such love and sorrow about the life and death of their sons—two mothers who held one another with such compassion—one was Mary the mother of Jesus; the other, the mother of Judas. Mary’s compassion challenged Mary Johnson to pray for her son’s murderer.

“I prayed for Oshea. I asked God what I had to do. And I chose to forgive.” It was not easy, but over time and with help from supportive sources, Mary Johnson visited her son’s murderer. Eventually they became friends. Oshea became like a son to her, and the long-held hatred and anger disappeared from Mary’s heart. Mary is the founder of “From Death to Life”—an organization to heal other mothers of murder victims. “The forgiveness was for me,” she explains.

“*Jesus is the face of God’s mercy,*” writes Pope Francis in announcing the close of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. “*Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him.*” In forgiving even the thief on the cross, Jesus shows “*the balm of mercy*” that the Pope hopes for every human heart—the balm that Mary Johnson offered Oshea. In this act of mercy and forgiveness Jesus shows himself no ordinary king, but fulfills Isaiah’s prophecy: “*The Spirit of the Holy One has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed, and to proclaim a year of favor from God.*”

A year of favor is a jubilee—a living celebration of mercy and God’s life-giving power. As prescribed in the Old Testament, a jubilee year is a year of righting relationships, restoring equality before God, forgiving debts and releasing the imprisoned.

The Feast of Christ the King is a triumphant celebration of unending jubilee: of God’s reconciling love, of divine solidarity with humanity, of God’s love for us at our neediest. The image of the Servant King offering forgiveness even from the cross is the feast of the indomitable power of love. What better way to prepare our hearts for the feast of Thanksgiving!